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In response to the Official Action dated December 14, 2004, Applicants  
submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

There are no Amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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